

## Message Text

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TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON DESAI STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 28 NOON PRESS GUIDANCE ON  
PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT OF JULY 26.  
ISSUE DID NOT ARISE AT BRIEFING. BEGIN TEXT --

Q - DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS THAT PRIME  
MINISTER DESAI IS BACKING OFF FROM EARLIER PLEDGES NOT TO  
DETONATE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES?

A - WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS BASED ON DEBATE IN THE  
INDIAN PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRIME  
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MINISTER'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN MISINTERPRETED AND WE HAVE  
BEEN ASSURED THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE INDIAN POLICY  
OF REJECTING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR ANY PURPOSES.

Q - (IF ASKED) WHAT ABOUT DESAI'S STATEMENT THAT HE COULD  
NOT BIND HIS SUCCESSORS TO HIS POSITION ON PNES?

A - I THINK THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS EXPRESSING HIMSELF  
IN PHILOSOPHICAL TERMS. HIS STATEMENTS ON PNES AND NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIONS IN GENERAL HAVE BEEN VERY FIRM, EXPRESSED IN SUCH  
FORA AS THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, AND THUS CARRY

CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT. WE HOPE, OF COURSE, THAT THIS BASIC  
POLICY CAN BE FURTHER REINFORCED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERSTANDINGS ON SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS. VANCE

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